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Man Sentenced for 2012 Murder of Metro Bus Driver

A 44-year-old man was sentenced today to life in state prison without the possibility of parole for killing a Metro bus driver in West Hollywood nearly three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Marna Miller said Anthony Craig Chambers was found guilty on March 19, 2014 of one count of first-degree murder with the special circumstance allegation of murder of transportation personnel in case SA080850.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Elden Fox of the Airport Branch additionally sentenced Chambers to 25 years to life in state prison.

Alan Thomas, 51, was driving an empty bus on Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood on May 20, 2012 when Chambers came aboard, the prosecutor said. Evidence presented at trial showed Chambers chose Thomas' bus because he was the sole occupant.

Shortly after getting on the bus, the defendant drew a shotgun from a suitcase, approached the victim and shot him twice, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.